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NAZI PROVIDES A LAUGH Plea Of Hitler's Photographer

Col. Noma Comes Back For Trial

COL. NOMA, HONG KONG'S NO. 1 JAPANESE WAR CRIMINAL, LANDED AT FLAG STAFF STEP AT NOON YESTERDAY. HE HAS BEEN BROUGHT FROM JAPAN FOR TRIAL.

Col. Noma, former chief of the Japanese Gendarmerie, came to Hong Kong from Divisional Headquarters at Canton in December 1941. He was responsible for the mass murder of Oct. 29, 1941 and executions and torture at Stanley jail up to Feb. 1946 when he returned to Japan.

It has been reported that his ex-mistress, Miss Hui Wong, has been executed. She was carried through the streets of Canton beautifully robed, and shot outside the city.

Col. Noma joins Lt.-Col. Kanazawa and Major Kogi in Stanley jail.

NO ARROGANCE

Noma, stripped of the insignia and uniform in which he swaggered about Hong Kong for more than four years, was attired in neatly pressed "civilian" clothes. Under Commando guard he was transferred quietly at the lock-up from the small boat which brought him ashore in the truck which whisked him without delay to Stanley prison. He carried his own suitcase to the truck.

One captain at the dock said he seemed alone (although he didn't have much appearance of anyone else).

There was no crowd to watch his transfer to Stanley. He had arrived several hours ahead of schedule after being brought from Japan aboard U.M.S. Gullane.

Axis Was Just A Big Happy Family

GERMANY FEARED JAPAN MIGHT DESERT THE AXIS SEVEN MONTHS BEFORE PEARL HARBOUR AND DISTRUSTED THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, ADMIRAL NOMURA, AS A "PRO-ANGLO-SAXON" IT WAS REVEALED AT THE INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL YES-TERDAY WHEN VON RIBBENTROP'S SECRET PAPERS WERE READ BEFORE THE COURT.

Ribbentrop told Mussolini, on May 13, 1941, that the Japanese Government was seeking a pledge from President Roosevelt not to enter into the European conflict and for clarification of the United States attitude on the Philippines problem.

The Nazi Foreign Minister said it was unfortunate that discussions with President Roosevelt were being conducted via

BRITAIN'S NEW CARRIERS

LONDON, FEB. 8. BRITAIN IS BUILDING A FLFET OF GIGANTIC AIR CRAFT CARRIERS, 30 OF WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO BE READY FOR SEA WITHIN SEVERAL MONTHS, THE "EVENING NEWS" REPORTED.

This programme, it was pointed out, is in conformity with current plans of the British to increase their naval forces.

When this programme is completed, Britain will have the basic ships of its peacetime Navy.

The paper said that three carriers of 45,000 tons each are under construction, and will be able to carry more than 100 planes each. —Associated Press.

The Weather

To-day's forecast:—Moderate easterly winds, fine and warm.

Yesterday's temperature:

Maximum: — 69 degrees at 3 p.m.
Minimum: — 55 degrees at 7 a.m.

Hoffman Tries To Back Out

(By Arthur Oakeshott)

A PLEA TO BE "DENAZIFIED" FROM "PROFESSOR" HOFFMAN, HITLER'S PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHER, WHO IS AWAITING TRIAL AT NUREMBERG HAS SET ALL BAVARIA LAUGHING. IN A LETTER ADDRESSED TO A FRIEND AT MUNICH, HOFFMAN WROTE: "I WAS NEVER PROMINENT IN POLITICAL MATTERS AND I NEVER TREATED MY EMPLOYEES BADLY. I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ALL THOSE DREADFUL THINGS AND YET I HAVE TO REMAIN HERE IN WAITING TRIAL."

"After that I shall have to begin to fight to save my fortune (now blocked by the American authorities). I have already succeeded in proving that I made my money honestly."

The fact that my business was never utilised by the party or propaganda ministry for the purpose of inflammatory or hate propaganda is an important factor in my defence.

On the other hand, he owed the city of Munich a total of 2,000,000 marks in taxes.

A perlude drunkard, he would take part in nightly orgies in the notorious "nebenzimmer" or side room at the Rathaus in Munich, where Dorothy van Bruck used to dance naked before the Nazi leaders in furtherance of their pride of what was officially described as "healthy eroticism".

Hoffman became a millionaire because he had the sole right to photograph Adolf Hitler and other Nazi leaders.

At the beginning of his career as a photographer, his chief client was Eva Braun which may have accounted for the fact that Hitler later made a "Kne's Favourite" of this insignificant little photographe.

Wherever Hitler had his headquarters, whether in France, Poland or Russia, Hoffman was always there as a guest of honour and Hitler was on more than one occasion heard to say to intimate friends that he was eternally grateful to Hoffman for the fact that he met Eva at his house.

A RACKET

But his fortune was made from pictures of Hitler which he took at a cost of a little over a penny and sold in millions—often by direct or indirect pressure—to the German public at five marks—in those days around 6d.

Every few weeks, a new series of pictures of Hitler would come out and every good party member would find it incumbent on him to do gratis in his pocket to purchase yet another record of Hitler haranguing a Party Congress or patting children at a Hitler Youth Rally.

And so the racket went on, for it was almost a crime and certainly a fact to arouse suspicion of not being in possession of the latest Hoffman picture of the "Fuhrer".

Now were the photographs his only activity. He also produced books on the Nazi moment—filled with appropriate photographs by former President Herbert Hoover and Colonel Charles Lindberg, American dyer here, as the most prominent opponents of Roosevelt's policy," stated the German Foreign Office report which British prosecutors introduced in part.

Von Ribbentrop told Mussolini: "If a forcing hand were played and it were laid down that the American system of protecting convoys meant war the Americans would most probably hesitate because American re-armament is the biggest blit in the world's history." —Associated Press.

DARLAN DEAL

Clandestine dealings in which Admiral Jean Darlan, of France, agreed to give material aid to a Nazi drive against Iraq and to Rommel's Afrika Korps in return for status as a third rate Axis partner were disclosed in documents submitted to a part yesterday to the International War Crimes Tribunal by the British prosecutor.

In a conversation with the Nazi Foreign Minister, Joachim Ribbentrop, on Mar. 13, 1941, Mussolini learned that Darlan had promised the use of an African port to the Axis authorities to facilitate the shipment of war supplies to Africa. —Associated Press.

ARAB STRIKE

Beyrouth, Feb. 8. The Arabs to-day staged a general strike throughout Lebanon protesting against the British decision to permit 1,600 Jewish immigrants to enter Palestine monthly. —Associated Press.

DOCTORS STRIKE

Poona, Feb. 8. Twenty-seven doctors and surgeons in Poona hospitals went on strike to-day, demanding higher wages. —Rauter.

Australia To Help Hong Kong

MELBOURNE, FEB. 8.

FROM THE IMPORTANT

AUSTRALIAN STOCKPILE

OF FOODS A CONTRIBU-

TION OF 50 TO 60 MIL-

LION BUSHELS OF

WHEAT THIS YEAR WILL

BE MADE TO SUCH EM-

PIRE REGIONS AS INDIA,

MALAYA, HONG KONG,

SOUTH AFRICA AND NEW

ZEALAND, FOOD OFFI-

CIALS DISCLOSED TO-

DAY.

The Australian food cupboard

at the end of last year stood at

45,000 tons of meat, 4,500,000

pounds of cheese, quantities of

butter, eggs and a million cases

of canned goods.

The "Melbourne Herald" said

that most of this food has been

held for British Food Ministry

orders to ease the British crisis.

In Washington, the Agricul-

ture Department said Argentina

and Australia together might be

able to export no more than

100,000,000 bushels of whea-

during the first half of this year

because of the "below average"

crops. —Associated Press.

European Identified

A European who was found

seriously injured in the Central

district late on Thursday night,

and who subsequently died, has

been identified as Charles May,

chief steward of the Blue

Funnel ship "Menelias."

May was found at the foot of

the stairs of a house in Chir

Loong Street shortly after 11.30

p.m. He had apparently fallen

down the stairs and sustained

head injuries.

Members of the Kennedy

Force took the man to the Naval

Dockyard Slick Bay in a naval

vehicle but he was found dead

on arrival.

Star Ferry Search

Some commotion was caused

on the Star Ferry Wharf just

after office hours yesterday.

The 5 p.m. ferry had just left

Hong Kong when a party of

eight police and two military

ordered it to return. Passengers

on the deck were searched and

a Chinese was seen to run away

with the police in chase.

It was later learned that the

search was a routine one by the

Police who were acting on cer-

tain information.

Chungking

Madame Chiang Kai-shek is

scheduled to fly to Shanghai to-

day on her first visit there since

1937. —Associated Press.

Planes' Silence

A four-engined land plane,

believed to be American, which

took off from Oahu, in the Haw-

aiian Islands, on Thursday

morning, has not been heard of

since.

The plane left Oahu at 4.30

a.m. on Thursday bound for

Canton Island, in the Phoenix

group, south of Hawaii, and was

last heard of at 6.50 a.m. on

that day.

No anxiety is felt for the

plane as it is believed she is still

air borne and her silence is at-

tributed to failure of the plane's

radio.

II STILL MISSING

Ketchikan, Alaska, Feb. 8.

The number rescued from the

wrecked and broken liner Yukon

stood to-day at 480 and the Alaska

Steamship Company said its list

of persons unaccounted for stood

at eleven.

At the same time the Northwest

Medical Supply Company in Sault

Ste. said the city's supply of pen-

cillin was exhausted completely by

the demands of the Second

Alaska hospital for treatment of

survivors. The missing included

six army men, two crew-

men and three civilians. —An-

associated Press.

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Citizenship

China's first Chinese Republic has given the Chinese people what seems to be a necessary reminder that Democracy is not a mere political machinery that can be conferred upon a nation and that it is not a system of administration made available to the relatively simple process of the writing of a constitution. Speaking the other day on the highly controversial outcome of the Political Consultative Conference, its delegates, the Generalissimo remarked: "In our society there is a vacuum about freedom and Democracy and understanding of government by law and abiding by law is possible. To advocate Democracy we should first accustom ourselves to government by law." The cables version of the address did not indicate that China's President enlarged any further on the subject, but it might well have been done with advantage. The enthusiasm with which the results of the inter-party conference have been greeted are more than justified. In the pursuit of a political new deal in China, it was essential that a beginning be made along the lines laid down in Chungking at Chinese New Year. It is an encouraging beginning and high hopes are rightly centred upon it. But, and it is a very emphatic but, the warning given by the Generalissimo needed to be given. Some of the comments on the Conference's achievement rather gested an elation based upon a fallacy, the belief that the agreement has created the basis of Democracy for China, whereas it amounts to no more than an important first step towards it. The essential truth is contained in the point underlined by the Generalissimo. "The basis of democracy lies in the traditions of a people and their way of life. Unless those traditions and that way of life are in or can be brought into harmony with the true spirit of democracy, it cannot operate successfully, and the political form is virtually meaningless. In his different language, the Generalissimo was emphasising that the prerequisite is citizenship, in its truest meaning, with the right to an electoral vote as perhaps the least important aspect of it. In yet other words, the privileges of the Four Freedoms require to be earned, by the common acceptance and support of the rule of law and of order, and of a sense of civic responsibility. Representative government, functioning efficiently, is more than a voting machine; it is an assertion of local feeling, and therefore, ideally, government by the governed. But the years are jealous of their rights and even in this atomic age there is no short cut to the creation of the necessary conditions. China's national awakening will undoubtedly facilitate their development, but there will be needed a long period of education, and perhaps many discouragements, before government through an enlightened public opinion can be conducted in China on a national scale.

LEIGHTON HILL ROBBERY

At about 4.30 p.m. yesterday four men, three of them armed with revolvers, entered No. 8, Leighton Hill Road, second floor, and stole \$1,800. The robbers were all young men.

The programme for Sunday at St. Andrew's Church Vicarage, at 8 p.m. will include: Prelude to "Tristan and Isolde" (Wagner); Concerto for Suite No. 2 (Bizet); Concerto for Violin & Orchestra (Brusiloff); New apparatus for reproduction has been procured.

Three months' simple imprisonment was imposed on Lo Kai, widow, by Mr. W. H. Latimer for possession eight tarts of raw sugar without a permit. R. G. Phillips said the sugar was found in a box in a basket carried by accused at the K.C.R. Station.

RICHEST AREA IN SOUTH CHINA TO BE DEVELOPED

HAINAN ISLAND, SAID TO CONTAIN THE RICHEST MINERAL DEPOSITS IN SOUTH CHINA, IS AGAIN THE FOCUS OF ATTENTION, FOLLOWING THE RECENT VISIT PAID TO IT BY DR. T. V. SOONG. DEVELOPMENT OF ITS NATURAL RESOURCES IS BELIEVED TO BE IN THE FOREFRONT OF POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION FOR SOUTH CHINA.

Id Chan-ching, charged with unlawful possession of a revolver and six rounds of ammunition, was found guilty by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday and sentenced to two years hard labour.

Defendant was arrested by Detective Wong Tak at Shek Kip Mei Village on Dec. 21, 1945. Wong said he was walking towards Shamshui Po and saw three men approaching. When told to stop and be searched, the men ran, dropping a revolver. He arrested accused but the other two escaped.

For possession of a Mauser pistol, loaded with six rounds in the magazine and one round in the breech, and another 24 rounds without a permit, Leung Wah was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour. Detective-Inspector Drury stated accused was arrested by a Revenue Officer at the Yau Ma Tei Railway Station on Feb. 5. The arms and ammunition were found in a basket he was carrying.

GOLD JUMPS

Gold jumped 25 points yesterday. Opening strong at \$561 per tael, sustained buying pushed it up to \$608 at the close, with few sellers.

Chinese national currency had a quiet day. Spot transaction opened at HK\$1.80 to C.N.S.1,000 and closed at \$1.82. Futures opened at \$4.28 and closed at \$4.31.

English Sterling and Australian pounds maintained the previous day's level of \$19.20 and \$14 respectively. U.S. dollars were also unchanged at \$6.40.

NO PERMIT

The junk master of Motor Junk No. 762, Ip Yee, was summoned before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday for carrying 14 passengers without a permit. He was found guilty and fined \$50.

Inspector Bonnison stated that on Feb. 7, A/B Whitehead intercepted defendant's junk near Green Island and found 28 persons on board. Fourteen of them were members of the crew. On defendant's license, marked in red, was "no passengers permitted."

Accused told the Court that the men were not passengers but were only looking after the cargo.

TENANCY CASE

On the ground that her tenant was not a recognised tenant and had not paid rents since the re-occupation, Mrs. M. B. Hamill successfully applied for the eviction of Cheng Kit-wan from the second floor of No. 52 Russell Street.

The application was granted by a Tenancy Tribunal comprising Messrs. George She, F. Xavier and Chan Ju-nan.

The opponent claimed that he took over the premises from the former tenant, a friend of his. He had offered rents to the owner who refused to accept.

STALL FORTUNE

A 22-year-old stall holder, Lai Pak-woo, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday when the prosecution offered no evidence.

He was charged with making a speech tending to incite persons to interfere with maintenance of law and good order at Queen's Road Central near the Queen's Theatre on Jan. 17.

Mr. Alfred Y. Hon appeared for the defence.

PLANT OPERATOR DISCHARGED

Ho Kwong, plant operator of Kai Tak Aerodrome, residing at No. 20, Cannon Road, third floor, was discharged by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday when the prosecution offered no evidence.

He was charged with making a speech tending to incite persons to interfere with maintenance of law and good order at Queen's Road Central near the Queen's Theatre on Jan. 17.

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HIGHLAND DANCES

A new feature for the benefit of Service men and women, and for any others interested, will commence to-night in St. John's Hall, Garden Road, at 8 p.m. when a Scottish Country Dancing class will be held.

This will be continued every Saturday and is open to all who would like to learn the fine traditional Highland dances of Scotland.

General speaking all the equipment and installations are intact and with slight overhaul work can be resumed.

Electric power on the island

was developed by the Japanese. At Holloway Bay, there is a 1,000 h.p. generating plant, and at Yu Lam Port, one of 900 h.p.

Owing to lack of shipping facilities, trade is essentially a closed door affair; and the Islanders have

Readers' Letters

A WARNING

Sir.—I do not wish to introduce any unsavoury correspondence into your pages, but I feel it my duty to issue a warning to your readers. It has come to my ears that certain undesirable gentlemen, some of whom have recently been writing to your newspaper, are planning to carry out a dishonest trick at the Happy Valley races on Sunday, by running a horse under a false name.

The horse in question is the infamous Nostalgia who was fourth in the Derby of 1932. It will be remembered that he figured in a regrettable incident when he won the Cambridgeshire in the same year under the name of Preys, on a horse which had never been placed and so started at 65 to 1. Nostalgia later showed considerable ability over the jumps, and was once leading in the Grand National when with typical roguishness he refused at the last fence.

I have found to my surprise that he has now been exported here and is at present comfortably stabled in Kowloon. I hear that he has been entered in three different races on Sunday under three different names. However I once owned the old horse myself and I shall recognise him under any disguise. Should I see an attempt being made on Sunday to carry out this despicable deceit, I shall immediately denounce the perpetrators to the Stewards.

Yours, in all sincerity (7),
JAN. P. LITTLE

NO BRITISH PURDAHS

Sir.—"Jimmy's" article "Babes Not Husbands" is full of interest and controversial possibilities. Your object in printing it is, I presume, among others, as a final purge of the Crosby, Chan, Sinatra, O.V.L. & Co. correspondence and the re-direction of the public mind and interest. You could hardly have found an article more suited to the task.

I think most people will agree that "Jimmy" up to the point where he starts talking about "optimising pornography." The article from that point onwards betrays a lack of knowledge and understanding of the average British woman (with whom I assume he is mainly concerned) so appalling that the most charitable assumption is that it was written with his tongue in his cheek and both eyes on its controversial value. To the companions with the harum and the Arab world I doubt if our ladies will take kindly.

With regard to "chaining" partners together, it cannot be said that today in either Britain or America those chains are unduly binding. In fact it is said that they are insufficiently binding and that as a result young couples too often having walked into the marriage chamber through the entrance, look round straight away for the exit, and for half a reason are soon soon through it, and as promptly at another entrance.

No "Jimmy," I do not see how the evil set out in the first part of your article can be remedied by the cures suggested in the second part—not in Britain anyhow. Over to somebody else.

Yours, "ARRY.

In The Army Or Not?

Edinburgh, Feb. 8.
The Reinforcement Committee to-day was unable to decide whether the applicant was technically or in out of the Army.

William P. Grant of Phillipston Terrace, Boness, said that when he applied for reinstatement as a motor driver with the Boness Conservative Society, he was offered work as a driver of a horse van. He did not like horses.

The Committee had already agreed to order his reinstatement when the Manager of the Society, Mr. J. Bonnison, pointed out that Grant had applied for his former work for four months only as he was temporarily released from the Army on compassionate grounds and not yet demobilised. The Committee adjourned the case pending investigation of his standing under the Reinforcement Act—Reuter.

Magistrate's Remarks On Shooting Case

"THIS COURT CONSIDERS THE TIME RIPE FOR INCREASING SENTENCES FOR OFFENCES OF THIS NATURE," REMARKED MR. LEO D'ALMADA, PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL MILITARY COURT, YESTERDAY IN IMPOSING SENTENCE OF 10 YEARS HARD LABOUR ON CHAN CHEUNG, ONE OF AN ARMED GANG FOUND GUILTY OF SHOOTING WITH INTENT TO DO GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM OR TO RESIST ARREST BY THE POLICE.

Chan was ordered to receive 12 strokes of the cane to show who fired the shot except that of a police officer who was either second or sixth accused.

SERIOUS OFFENCE: After some deliberation the Court held that four of the accused had no case to answer on this charge but in the case of the sixth Chan Cheung the Court held there was evidence against him.

Chan Cheung was also sentenced to five years hard labour on the possession count, the sentences to run concurrently.

Pleading sentence Mr. Leo d'Almada said that shortly after the reoccupation of the Colony a proclamation was published calling all persons to turn in arms at police stations, and penalties for such possession were also made known.

"The offence received ample publicity in the press of the Colony by reason of the numerous cases and convictions recorded in this Court. Comparatively heavy sentences passed in the last few months do not seem to have had the desired effect.

"At a time when the police are short-handed and there are many lawless elements in the Colony, an offence such as this is very serious. This Court considers the time ripe for increasing sentences for offences of this nature."

Navy-R.A.F. Quiz

To-night's "Quiz" Contest over Z.B.W. will be between teams of the R.A.F. Officers' Mess, Homunton, and H.M.S. "Reaper." The contest will be staged at 8.15 p.m. to allow for a relay from the ENSA Star Theatre, Kowloon, from approximately 7.45 to 8.10 p.m. In this relay, the guest artists appearing with Art Carneiro's Orchestra will be heard. They are Doris Inchnam (Soprano) and Rosalind Bentley (Pianoforte). The relay will also include items by Art Carneiro himself and some other members of his band.

The teams for the "Quiz" are as follows:

R.A.F. Officers' Mess, Homunton, S/L. Woolton, F/L. Anthony and F/O. Mullens.

H.M.S. "Reaper": R.R.O. K. Jacques, P.O. D. Parkin, A/M. J. Leggat, and A/B M. J. Thomas.

Seamen 'Guilty'

An Indian seaman, Amad Shah Omur of the R.A.F. Wave King, was found guilty by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday of unlawfully possessing of 90 pounds of sugar. A fine of \$50 was imposed and the sugar restored to the ship.

During my 2½ years' sojourn in Macao, I could not make ends meet, due partly to illness and also due to the high cost of living. I had to depend on loans from friends occasionally to carry on. Whatever I had, had gone to the pawnshop during this difficult time. Of course, these things were never redeemed. I lost my baby girl and my beloved mother in Macao. My mother died on May 2, 1942, my young daughter, aged 5, was accidentally drowned in a swimming pool which had only one foot of water deep.

After resigning my old office for a few months, I resigned and left Macao on 19/12/42 where I took refuge under the support of the British Consul.

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SECOND CONVICTION

Kwong Shui-koung, unemployed, was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday with breaking into No. 40, Tung Lo Wan Road, and stealing 22 pieces of clothing.

C.S.I. Chan of Bay View told the Court that accused was arrested by a Chinese detective at the tramway terminus at Causeway Bay. Accused stole the articles by forcing open the front door during the absence of complainant.

Accused, who had a previous conviction, was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

CLASSICAL RECITAL

The main item in to-morrow's Concert of Gramophone music at the Catholic Centre, King's Building, will be the Violin Concerto in G Minor by Max Bruch, played by Yehudi Menuhin and The London Symphony Orchestra. There will also be items by Bach, Mozart ("The Piano-Sonata in A Minor"), Beethoven ("The Pastoral"), Brahms ("The Concerto in B Flat Major"), and Verdi ("La Traviata"). The Concert begins at 8.30 and admission is free to all.

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REPATRIATION NOTICE
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H.M.S. "REAPER" is expected to leave for the UNITED KINGDOM on or about the 12th February, 1946.

Date and time of embarkation will be published when they are known.

The following should stand by:

Mr. G. P. Murphy

Mr. F. Nolan

Mr. J. Dempsey

Mr. J. Goddard

Mr. H. Dinsdale

Mr. T. J. Byrne

Mr. B. G. Baker

Mr. P. Appleby

Mr. S. T. Doughty

Mr. J. A. Watson

Mr. G. W. C. Graig

Mr. G. H. Stewart

Mr. C. E. Davis

Mr. E. Beeching

Mr. P. H. Klimanek

Mr. G. Ganchoroff

Rev. G. Connoni

Rev. L. Pulit

Rev. A. Cometti

Rev. Rosello

Rev. W. Haughey

Rev. D. O'Connell

Mr. G. Clarke

Mr. J. J. Whyte & Mesker.

H.K.V.D.O.

Pte H. J. Woolley and

RMS F. C. Jones.

No accommodation is available for lady passengers by this ship.

REPATRIATION OFFICE.

8th February, 1946.

U.N.O. Veto Should Be Abolished

Lansing, Michigan, Feb. 8. Harold Stassen, former Governor of Minnesota, frequently mentioned as a Republican candidate for the Presidency, to-day declared the U.N.O. gradually should eliminate the single power veto allowed to major powers in the U.N.O. Security Council.

Stassen was a member of the United States delegation to the San Francisco Conference which drafted the U.N.O. Charter.

In a Michigan State College address Stassen asserted that under the exact terms of the Charter, Russia and Britain should not have been allowed a veto in the recent Council debates on the question of the status of Greece and Iran. Those two nations were "interested parties to the dispute and should have stepped aside," he said.

Answering questions from the audience, Stassen said the United States should take jurisdiction over all Japanese mandated islands in the Pacific Ocean under U.N.O. trusteeship "reporting to the peoples of the world" the advancement of native peoples.—Associated Press.

Measures.

JOHN I. THORNYCROFT & CO., LTD., Smith Square, Westminster, London.

Families Of G.I.'S

Washington, Feb. 7. Legislation removing any discrimination between enlisted men and officers as to government paid transportation of their families to overseas stations was introduced in both Houses of Congress yesterday.

The Bill, introduced by Senator Lucas, Democrat of Illinois, also instructs the War and Navy Departments to make a survey of housing, food and medical supplies available in foreign occupied areas.

The House measure was introduced by Representative Johnson, Democrat of Oklahoma, who stipulated that specific appropriations would be required to finance the trips.—Associated Press.

N.Y. Markets

New York, Feb. 8. New York cotton futures prices moved higher as a result of persistent mill buying to meat textile orders and speculative buying of distant delivery contracts.

Quotations were as follows:—

March, 25.47; May, 25.40; July, 25.46.

New Orleans' cotton futures were quiet.

In the New York stock market, heavy selling of distillery shares in anticipation of President Truman's order prohibiting the use of grains for whisky sent prices down three to five points in this group.

Steel Company shares managed to gain fractionally, however, as Wall Street continued to talk of the possibility that the strike in that industry would be settled soon.

Price changes in other industrial groups were irregular although declines were slightly in the majority.—Associated Press.

NOTICE

We have perused documents in the possession of Mr. K. Y. Lee (Lee Kai Yan). They show that on the 14th January, 1946 Mr. Lee on his own accord tendered resignation, and on the 16th the Sze On & Company accepted the resignation with expressions of gratitude. The wording of the advertisement inserted by the said Company on 26th and 28th January was somewhat unfortunate, and we are instructed to insert this advertisement to inform the public of the true position.

P. H. SIN & CO.
Solicitors for K. Y. Lee
1st February, 1946.

PRESIDENT'S HINT ON RATIONING

Washington, Feb. 8. President Truman said yesterday he would call for a return to meat rationing in the United States if it becomes necessary to prevent ten to fifteen million people from starving to death.

THE NAVY REVEALED TO-DAY POST-WAR PLANS FOR A FLEET OF 319 FIGHTING SHIPS READY "FOR INSTANT ACTION" AND READY TO LAUNCH 3,627 PLANES.

A force of 176 warships has been planned for the Pacific and 143 in the Atlantic, as well as two reserve fleets, Navy Secretary Forrestal said in his annual report to President Truman. He said the fleet plan would be effective on the cancellation of demobilisation next Autumn.

These post-war fleets now planned include the following for the Pacific:—Nine carriers, nine escort carriers, two 45,000-ton battleships, 20 cruisers, 81 destroyers, 16 destroyer-escorts and 89 submarines.

Ready reserve includes two carriers, three 35,000-ton battle-ships, eight cruisers and 18 destroyers. Additional forces include hundreds of such other craft as transports, amphibious vessels and special purpose ships both active and in reserve.

Forrestal made no specific mention of the forthcoming atomic bomb tests on sea-power, but said the "plan is advanced at the time when due to evolution of new weapons of warfare, long-term future composition of all branches of the armed forces is particularly uncertain." — Associated Press.

ARREST ORDERED

Tokyo, Feb. 7. General MacArthur to-day ordered the arrest as a war criminal suspect of Lieutenant-General Tadachiro Morimoto, Commander of the Philippines commandant of War Camps from July 1942 to March 1944.

Morimoto was one of 18 accused Japanese War Criminals ordered to be delivered to the Suzanne prison.—Associated Press.

CHINESE PROSECUTOR

Tokyo, Feb. 8. Helene Che-chun, chief prosecutor of the Shanghai court, has arrived in Tokyo to assume duties as associate prosecutor in the international war criminals case. He was accompanied by his assistant, Henry Chu.—Associated Press.

Yenan On The Downgrade

(By John Roderick)

THIS CHINESE COMMUNIST CAPITAL WHICH DURING THE WAR YEARS GREW IN SIZE FROM 20,000 TO 60,000 PEOPLE IS ON THE DOWNGRADE AGAIN.

THE EXODUS FROM THE CAVE CITY HAS BEEN CONSTANT SINCE THE END OF THE WAR WITH JAPAN, LONG CARAVANS OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WINDING THEIR WAY IN AND OUT OF THE LOESS VALLEYS TAKING THOUSANDS TO THE HOMES THEY QUIT YEARS AGO TO COME TO THE SAFETY OF YENAN. THERE ARE NOT MORE THAN 30,000 PEOPLE IN THE CITY BY CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE.

Truman Hits Collaborators

Washington, Feb. 8.

President Truman has vetoed a bill which would have legalized certain financial and business transactions under Japanese administration of the Philippines.

He said he disapproved the measure because it "would give official sanction to Japanese acts in forcing the liquidation of the business of loyal Filipinos, Americans and Allies."

He vetoed the measure after Paul V. McNutt, U.S. High Commissioner in the Philippines, had recommended disapproval because it would validate payments made in Japanese fiat pesos.

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& vespers at 10.30 a.m. Saturday eve.
George Shio, a young & energetic
6.30 p.m. After her Mass D. Stow &
Dy. Sower at 7.00 a.m. Every
Thursday eve. 1.15 p.m. & 7.00
p.m. Follow hip meetings for piano &
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11.00 a.m. Preacher: Rev. R. E.
Hyle. Tel. 7. 6.30 p.m. reaching
Rev. Dr. F. F. F. 7.00 a.m. Eve
Trinity, the last Sat. Feb. 11, 6.00
p.m. Tuesday, 7.00 p.m. Bible study
group at Salvation Army, Canteen,
Waterloo Road.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL
(16, Canine Road, Tel. 22674).

Sunday, at 6.00 a.m. Holy Mass; at
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Chinese); at 8.00 a.m. Choral Mass (sermon
in English); at 4.00 p.m. Cat-cham
classes; at 4.00 p.m. Sacrament of
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CATHOLIC CENTRE'S CHAPEL
(King's Bldg. 1st floor, Tel. 22187)

Sunday, Holy Mass, particularly for
the Forces at 5.00 p.m. On week days' Holy
Mass at 8.00 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
(5, Garden Road, Tel. 23992)

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Mass at 8.00 a.m.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH
(Happy Valley, Tel. 27807)

Sunday, Chr. 1 Mass and Benedic-
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ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH
(St. Louis Ind. School, Tel. 21226)

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Chinese); at 8.00 a.m. Choral Mass (sermon
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classes; at 4.00 p.m. Sacrament of
Benediction.

On week days, Holy Mass at 7.00 a.m.

Needle Soccer Games For The Week-End

F.A. CUP HISTORY

London, Feb. 8.

This season marks the 75th year of the Football Association Cup's existence. Once the Cup was stolen.

The first Cup — the present one is the third made to the original pattern — was taken from a Birmingham shop window when Aston Villa publicly displayed their prize in 1905.

In 1911 the Football Association honoured its President, Lord Kinnaird, who had been in five Cup winning teams and played in nine finals, by presenting him the second Cup.

To-day's main game is between Commandos and Easter and should be very evenly contested.

Eastern are not too confident of success and have forgotten that their defence conceded two goals to Civilians "A" in their last game. They have brought Hau Ching-to, their fast left-winger, from Canton especially for this game and have recruited Chan Tak-fai, former Kwong Wah centre-forward.

Added to this they will be playing Chang Kun-hoi, who was sent off the field recently and whose case has not yet been heard, in the

defence.

With these players the Eastern team, on paper, is very strong, but Commandos in spite of further loss of players are by no means perished.

MacNamara their left-half will be an absentee owing to illness, but the Commandos are sure of finding a side which will give the Civilians a good game and a surprise.

DEFENCES GOOD

Both defences are good. Just will have his hands full against Hau Ching-to but should do well.

Headon, Wilks, Wu and Johnson can be relied upon in the

defence and if Commando

fails not early in the game they should win.

The Navy "A"-R.A.F. affair

should also be worth watching.

Air Force after a shaky start

have in recent games greatly im-

proved while Navy are still able

to hold a strong side.

To-morrow South China an

Navy "B" meet at Causeway Bay

and will probably be represented

by the same team as in previous

games, though Crawford and

Griffith were slightly injured dur-

ing the Chinese New Year game.

South China will field their usual

side.

WEEK-END FIXTURES

The following is the programme

for the weekend.

TO-DAY

Navy "A" v. R.A.F.

(Navy ground, at 2.15 p.m.)

R.F.C. v. R.P.O.J. R. Battell.

Linesmen: —Snr. G. Thorne and

Snr. D. Cherrie.

Eastern v. 44 R.M. Col.

(Navy ground, at 3.45 p.m.)

Referee: —C.P.O. J. H. Rivers.

Linesmen: —L.S. D. Sparrow

and Mr. E. Taylor.

Kwong Wah v. Civilians "B"

(Racecourse ground, at 3.45 p.m.)

Referee: —Sgt. L. Pollitt.

Linesmen: —Mssrs. N. T. Del-

gado and A. R. Samy.

TO-MORROW

Civilians "A" v. R. Engineers

(Chatham Road, at 3.45 p.m.)

Referee: —M. A. McCormick.

Linesmen: —Mr. J. A. Tibble

and Snr. G. Thorne.

South China "A" v. Navy "B"

(Navy ground, at 3.45 p.m.)

Referee: —Mr. K. K. Ip.

Linesmen: —Lt. L. G. Young

and Mr. F. A. Barrett.

Royal Navy will be represented

by the following teams:

Navy "B" v. R.A.F.

(Causeway Bay, to-morrow

2.15 p.m.); Chambers, Swash, Cornish, Jones

D'Leuwel, Anderson, McNeil, Hamblin, James, Franklin and

Lodge.

Navy "B" v. South China

(Causeway Bay, to-morrow, 3.45 p.m.)

Brix, Brine, Howe, Carr,

Benson, Hammond, Griffith, Crawford

and Wills, Feenan and Frazer.

The following will represent

R.A.F.:

Proctor, Col. Lennox, Cpl.

Hutchens, Dawn, Smith, Pennington

Swain, Brook, Boyd, Brown, Hanlon

and Brooks, 12th Man Company.

Eastern: —Chu Shui-hang; Fok

Yul-wah and Hau Yung-sang; Lo

Wai-kuen, Hui King-keung and

Cheung Kam-fai; and on 4.03 p.m.

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SHANGHAI PREPARING FOR TRADE REVIVAL

Civvies wanted

Washington, Feb. 8.
The Army signal corps have hung out a "Help Wanted" sign for civilians to replace soldiers and technicians stationed in the Philippines, Japan and Korea.

Workers are wanted to maintain and repair radio and telephone and electric power equipment. Associated Press.

Political Tension In Japan

Tokyo, Feb. 8.
Political battle lines are being drawn further between the Communists and non-party groups as the Japanese press reported, as indicated of growing unemployment and public displeasure with food manufacturers' sharp rises what may be basic issues of the forthcoming election.

Communist's have announced a three-day convention here beginning Feb. 24 highlighting an intensive publicity drive to renew their previous demands for the removal of the Emperor. The new party policy proposes a plebiscite on the future status of the Emperor.

"We do," reported the creation of an "upper officer's front" among the so-called Right-wing groups in the Okada area of opposition to Communists. It is said that the organization would oppose the Communists' demands for a front of labour and former organization parties.

—As per AP.

Medieval Survivors Of The Blitz

LONDON, Feb. 8.
ONLY TWO OF SOME OF LONDON'S LOVELIEST OLD BUILDINGS, THE HALLS OF THE CITY LIVERY COMPANIES, SURVIVED THE BLITZ IN TACT. HIDDEN FOR THE MOST PART IN HUNDRED FEET OF THE BUILDINGS ATTRACTED MUCH NOTICE FROM PASSERSBY, YET FIVE LON ON OF THE TUDORS LIVED THROUGH THEM.

All traced their history back the 14th century. Only a heap of broken bricks remains of this building designed by Unigia Jones.

Another left in ruins was the Hall of the Mercers, the Company of Sir Richard Whittington, probably London's most famous Lord Mayor.

The Mercers were the only Company to possess a Chapel, housed in a group of Caroline buildings said to contain some of the finest rooms in the city.

The court-room, with its paneling broken by Ionic pilasters, the hall with its carved panels of fruit and flowers and the marble staircase leading to it have all been destroyed.

MERCHANT TAYLORS

Also destroyed was the home of the Merchant Taylors, the largest Hall in London, whose everyday rooms had samples of architecture ranging from the 14th century to the 17th. The giant kitchen dated back to Agincourt, the crypt to 1375, and much of the paneling was Sturt.

In many cases, Guild members managed to save ancient records, portraits and furnishings hundreds of years old. But no rescue work could save the carved and panelled walls, the staircases and decorated ceilings.

The two Halls which were not damaged to any extent were those of the Apothecaries and Vintners, while only slight damage was inflicted on the Armourers and Braziers, Founders and Ironmongers.

The 20 destroyed were the Bakers, Barbers, Brewers, Butchers, Carpenters, Clothworkers, Coachmakers, Coopers, Cordwainers, Glaziers, Haberdashers, Joiners, Leathersealers, Merchants, Merchant Taylors, Painters, Parish Clerks, Saddlers, Salters and Wax Chandlers.

Eleven severely damaged were the Cutlers, Drapers, Dyers, Fishmongers, Goldsmiths, Grocers, Innholders, Skinners, Stationers, Tailor Chandlers and Watermen and Lightermen. —Reuter.

MOVE TO STOP U.S. HELP

Washington, Feb. 8.
Representative Hall, Democrat of New York, yesterday introduced legislation to halt temporary exports of grain a short time after President Truman had said he would ration meat again if necessary in order to increase shipments abroad.

Hall's measure would ban export unless the Secretary of Agriculture finds sufficient grain distributed to prevent any areas in the United States from suffering shortages. Associated Press.

SHANGHAI, FEB. 8.
IN PREPARATION FOR THE DAY WHEN A NEW FOREIGN EXCHANGE IS FIXED, WHEN EXPORT BUSINESS CAN BE STARTED ON A LARGE SCALE, CHINESE MERCHANTS HERE ARE REPORTED TO BE BUSILY ACCUMULATING NATIVE PRODUCTS FOR SHIPMENT ABROAD.

THE GOODS THEY HAVE SO FAR COLLECTED FOR SUCH A PURPOSE ARE SAID TO INCLUDE OVER 700 TONS OF TUNG OIL, 30,000 PICULS (ONE PICUL EQUALS 133 LBS.) OF HOG BRISTLES, 10,000 PICULS OF RAW SILK, 200,000 PICULS OF WOOL, 300,000 PICULS OF TEA, THREE MILLION PIECES OF COW HIDES AND SHEEP AND OTHER SKINS, AND WELL OVER 30 MILLION PICULS OF SOYA BEANS.

Chinese reports state that a big scheme is under contemplation by the various Chinese Government banks to extend credit loans to Chinese merchants to assist them in the development of import and export trade.

Meanwhile, it is learned that no less than \$36,367,300,000 approximately £28,500,000 will be added to the Chinese Customs revenue as a result of the decision to raise the import tariff on a number of luxury articles, such as cigarettes, wine, sugar and beer.

The increase ranges from 20 to 50 per cent of the original tariff.

Under the revised tariff, the duty on imported rolled tobacco will be raised 30 per cent, on sugar 50 per cent, on foreign wines and beers 40 per cent, and on native wines 20 per cent as against the rate of levy previously enforced.

The paper adds that the fixing of a new official rate may have to wait until some such time as next autumn.

The theory behind such reasoning is that the National Government expects a sharp decline in open market quotations as soon as more goods arrive and prick the speculative bubble. We can see good reason for expecting lower open market rates but see likewise some exceedingly good reasons for as early a restoration of normal trade as possible. Imports after all depend in at least some degree on exports, and while exports are strangled the arrival of imports is bound to be similarly reduced in volume in spite of temporary factors which keep them coming in some measure. —Reuter.

The plain fact, it asserts, is

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